Animal and Dairy Sciences Alumni Weekend

The April 29th event featured a Silent Auction to support the Mississippi University Livestock Judging Team.

The support of our ADS Alumni play a major role in the success of both our department and our judging teams.

Silent Auction Items
Battle Bell and White Cow Bell

Larry and Dick DeMuth
Newest members of the MSU Livestock Judging Team Hall of Fame
Run for the Roses Banquet
Presented by the MSU Horse Judging and Equestrian Teams
May 6, 2017 Derby Day
Live Viewing of the 143rd Kentucky Derby with Dinner
Live and Silent Auctions
The team had its strongest performance in the Evaluation Contest in which MSU had the reserve champion team. The MSU team had a strong showing in all three contests that took place over the course of the weekend ranking among the top three teams in every species of the combined sweepstakes results.

Team awards:
- 3rd Team - Sheep Evaluation
- 3rd Team - Swine Evaluation
- 3rd Team - Beef Evaluation
- Reserve Champion Team Overall Evaluation Contest

3rd Team Sheep Selection
4th Team Swine Selection
5th Team Cattle Selection
4th Team Overall Selection Contest

4th Team Sheep Judging
5th Team Beef Judging
5th Team Oral Reasons
5th Team Overall Judging Contest

3rd Team Combined Sheep
3rd Team Combined Hogs
3rd Team Combined Beef
4th Team Overall Combined Contest

Emily Vowell - 5th Swine Evaluation, 8th Overall Evaluation Contest

Tate Powell - 2nd Beef Evaluation, 6th Sheep Selection, tied with 10th in Swine Selection, 9th Overall Selection Contest, 4th Combined Beef

Christie Reynolds - 8th Beef Evaluation

Kirsten Midkiff - 3rd Swine Selection, tied with high individual in Beef Selection (ranked 2nd), 3rd Overall Selection Contest, 7th Sheep Judging, 9th Beef Judging, 9th Reasons, 9th Combined Sheep, 10th Combined Beef, 10th Overall Combined Contest

Alex Pittman - 6th in Sheep Judging
Upcoming Extension Events

Beef Extension – Dr. Brandi Karisch Cobie Rutherford

- Mississippi/Louisiana Beef and Forage Field Day on May 20 in Tylertown, MS
- Beef Improvement Federation Annual Convention on May 31—June 3 in Athens, GA

Equine Events – Dr. Clay Cavinder

- Creating a Strong Foundation, horse riding clinic in Liberty, May 26-27
- For more info, contact Dr. Cavinder at clay.cavinder@msstate.edu

4-H Events – Dr. Dean Jousan

- State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, MSU South Farm, Starkville on May 20, 2017.
- State 4-H Congress, at MSU, on May 31—June 2.

Dairy Events – Dr. Amanda Stone

- Bearden Dairy Research Center Open House: May 20, 2017
2017 Mississippi State University Dairy Open House

Saturday May 20, 2017
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
(lunch will be provided)
MSU Bearden Dairy Research Center
2128 Turkey Creek Road
Starkville, MS 39759

Speaker topics will include:
- How and why to manage heat stress
- Economics of center pivots
- How to effectively feed pastured cows

Attendees will also have the opportunity to tour the farm, see the center pivot in action, and learn about pasture management techniques (what to do and what not to do – from our own experience)

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2017 Refereed Publications:


**2017 Book Chapters:**